

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure as a separate page after the claims:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A linking element for a spinal fixing system is designed to link at least two implantable connecting assemblies. The linking element consists at least partly of a support made of polymeric material and a rod, bent or not, substantially coaxial with the support. The invention also concerns a spinal fixing system comprising at least two implantable connecting assemblies linked by at least one linking element of the invention.